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1. Hungarian workers, supervised by Soviet soldiers, did reconstruction work on the PAPA (P 48/Y 30) airfield on 31 May 1949. According to a worker employed there, the destroyed buildings were being repaired, a concrete runway extended and a second one constructed.

2. On 2 June 1949, 600 workers were employed constructing a drainage installation, installing concrete underground fuel containers and erecting the concrete foundations for new buildings. The approach road was also being repaired.

3. Forty to fifty Soviet soldiers supervised the construction work in charge of Soviet Lt Col Eng Alexander FUKHS. Hungarian soldiers guarded the field.   25X1

4. About 50 single-engine low-wing monoplanes and biplanes were stationed at the field on 30 August 1949. No multiple-engine aircraft were seen. Reconditioning work was being done on the barracks building which had been damaged in the war.

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a. The construction work at the airfield, concordantly reported by three sources, is considered credible.

b. The apparent occupation by fighters is reported for the first time. According to several previous reports covering the period from February 1949 to June 1949, no aircraft were stationed at the field.

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